

Assembly Bill No. 356

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Secretary of the Senate

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CHAPTER _____

An act to add and repeal Section 7073.4 of the Government Code, relating to economic development.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 356, Washington. Enterprise zones: County of Los Angeles.

The Enterprise Zone Act provides for the designation of enterprise zones by the Trade and Commerce Agency, according to specified criteria, and pursuant to which certain entities may receive regulatory, tax, and other incentives for private investment and employment.

This bill would additionally require the Trade and Commerce Agency to rank applicants for an additional enterprise zone designation and designate a geographic area that meets prescribed criteria located within one city within the County of Los Angeles as a new enterprise zone for a period of no more than 6 years, according to specified criteria.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 7073.4 is added to the Government Code, to read:

7073.4. (a) The Trade and Commerce Agency shall, pursuant to the procedures specified in Section 7073, rank applicants for an enterprise zone designation and designate a geographic area of high-density unemployment adjacent to areas of depressed economic business activity located within one city within the County of Los Angeles as a new enterprise zone, in addition to those enterprise zones designated pursuant to Section 7073.

(b) The enterprise zone designated pursuant to this section shall meet all of the following criteria:

(1) The average unemployment rate for the entire applicant geographic area was not less than 10 percent in 1998.



(2) The median annual household or family income for the entire applicant geographic area is not more than twenty-six thousand five hundred dollars (\$26,500).

(3) The percentage of persons in the entire applicant geographic area below the poverty level is at least 25 percent.

(4) The applicant geographic area is located within an incorporated city in the County of Los Angeles that has a population of greater than 50,000 and less than 100,000 persons according to the most recent census data.

(5) The applicant geographic area was part of the Los Angeles Revitalization Zone, and does not currently have an enterprise zone.

(c) For the purpose of applying any provision of the Revenue and Taxation Code, the additional enterprise zone designated pursuant to this section shall be deemed designated pursuant to Section 7073.

(d) The duration of the enterprise zone designated pursuant to this section shall be no more than six years.

(e) A business that utilizes the tax credits and incentives available through the enterprise zone designated pursuant to this section shall establish a hiring preference for individuals who live in the city in which the enterprise zone is established.

(f) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2008, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2008, deletes or extends that date.

SEC. 2. The Legislature hereby finds and declares that a special statute is necessary and that a general statute cannot be made applicable, within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California Constitution, because of unique circumstances applicable to the County of Los Angeles.



Approved _____, 2000

Governor

